

MEMBERSHIP BALANCE PLAN

NATIONAL MEDAL OF TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION NOMINATION EVALUATION COMMITTEE

1. **Committee Name:** National Medal of Technology and Innovation Nomination Evaluation Committee
2. **Authority:** The Committee is established under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), 5 U.S.C. App. 2, and pursuant to Public Law (Pub. L.) 96-480, 15 U.S.C. § 3711 (the Stevenson-Wydler Technology Innovation Act of 1980), as amended by Pub. L. 110-69, Title I, § 1003 (August 9, 2007).
3. **Mission/Function:** The National Medal of Technology and Innovation ("NMTI or Medal") Nomination Evaluation Committee ("Committee") is a discretionary committee that reviews and recommends to the Secretary of Commerce ("Secretary"), through the Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office ("USPTO"), those nominees which it considers worthy to receive the Medal, based on their outstanding contributions to the promotion of technology, technological innovation or the development of technological manpower for the improvement of the economic, environmental, or social well-being of the United States. The Committee functions solely as an advisory committee in accordance with the authority above.
4. **Points of View:** To achieve balance, the Secretary will appoint members from U.S. industry (small, medium, and large businesses and non-profits), professional organizations, government, and academia, with an understanding of, or experience in, the development and utilization of technological innovations and/or the education, training, employment and management of technological manpower. Membership balance is not static and may change, depending on the patterns reflected in the types of nominations submitted. The Committee may have approximately 12 members. Each member volunteers his or her time and expertise on behalf of the NMTI and the Department of Commerce. As such, all members shall serve as Special Government Employees.
5. **Other Balance Factors:** Members are generally from public and private sectors and generally possess expertise in one or more the following sub-sectors of the technology industry: Medical Innovations, Bioengineering, Biomedical Technology, Technology Management, Computing, IT, Manufacturing Innovation, Technological Manpower, Workforce Training, Education, Microbiology, Medical Science, Energy Sector, General Engineering, and Environmental Sciences.
6. **Candidate Identification Factors:** Each appointee to the Committee has tenure of three years. Members cannot exceed two consecutive full terms of service. Upon a vacancy on the Committee, the Designated Federal Officer (DFO) for the Committee solicits nominations for membership to ensure a qualified and diverse pool of

candidates through the following mechanisms, among others: a notice announcing the availability of appointments is published in the Federal Register and posted to the USPTO website; outreach to relevant industry, scientific, and education trade associations; outreach to past and existing Committee members; and outreach to other stakeholders. The Committee members generally are Chief Executive Officers or former Chief Executive Officers; former recipients of the Medal; presidents or distinguished faculty of universities; or senior executives of non-profit organizations and corporations. As such, they not only offer the stature of their positions but also possess intimate knowledge of the forces determining future directions for their organizations and industries. The Committee as a whole is balanced in representing geographical, professional, and diverse interests.

7. **Subcommittee Balance:** The process for determining the membership balance of subcommittees is the same as the process for the parent Committee.
8. **Other:** Appointments shall be made without discrimination on the basis of age, race, color, national origin, sex, genetic information, pregnancy, religion, or disability.
9. **Date Prepared:** December 19, 2013